GENERAL INFORMATION

The Genealogical Services Branch of the North Carolina State Library is located in the Archives and History-State Library Building at 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, in the block between the Governor's Mansion and the State Legislative Building. The Branch is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (8:30-5:30 on Saturday). It is closed on Sundays, on Saturdays following Friday holidays, and on official state holidays (New Year's Day, Easter Monday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day [November 11], Thanksgiving [Thursday, Friday, and Saturday], and Christmas [usually December 24-26]). It is also closed on the Saturdays before Easter and Labor Day. When a holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, it is normally observed on the following Monday.

Visitors may enter the public parking area on the north side of Capitol Square from Edenton Street, one quarter

block west of Wilmington Street.

Please address mail to Genealogical Services Branch, North Carolina State Library, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.

The telephone number is (919) 733-7222.

The Library is **open** on Monday, while the Archives Search Room is **closed** every Monday.

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN NORTH CAROLINA

If you are planning to do genealogical research in North Carolina, you are encouraged to begin work in Raleigh where you may explore the unrivaled genealogical resources of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

Your first stop should be the Genealogical Services Branch of the North Carolina State Library on the West Mezzanine of the Archives-Library Building. The Branch maintains an extensive collection of published (secondary) materials useful in genealogical research. These include family histories, census records and indexes, abstracts of state and county records, cemetery records, bibliographies, indexes, and general reference works on genealogy. Some of the Branch's most valuable resources are its large collection of materials on the colonial period in North Carolina and the other original colonies and information on the areas from which North Carolinians came and to which they migrated.

The North Carolina State Archives Search Room is located on the second floor of the Archives-Library Building. It has the largest single collection of primary North Carolina materials, either in the original form or on microfilm. Most North Carolina state and county records are available in this Room. Information on the Archives collection and services is contained in their brochure GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ARCHIVES. Please enclose a legal-size self-addressed stamped envelope if you request this brochure.